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Dear Norton:

There is a great deal about Rockefeller University that I ought to know better, and I realize I have almost nothing here on its history and present programs, not even a catalog or faculty directory. I would appreciate it very much if you could have as much as possible sent to me; needless to say I will pay for any books or whatever for which there is any cost.

They won't all be wildly enthusiastic, but there is a list of names of people who might have something to say about me, and are among those I would want to consult if I were on the Board. I omit people with whom I would have an obvious professional rapport.

If this doesn't work out, I want to talk to you sometime about another scheme-- to start a similar University in Washington, D.C. It takes a lot more than money, but about \$300M. in loose change could certainly set in motion an important innovation in national life, which has everything else set up in advance for it. But when I think about the details, it comes out looking very much like Rockefeller, except for the location. The historic fallacy about a national university has been that it should be a government agency, which is just what it should not be.

Sincerely,

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